



FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

December 30:

FIT Food List

spaghetti sauce and noodles,  
peanut butter, jelly, boxes of  
cereal, canned fruit, mac &  
cheese, \$10 Walmart gift cards,  
cash donations

**\*No Glass Containers\***

December 30:

Turn in your fundraising forms  
to Michael Spane. Link to oth-  
er fundraising items below.

[https://www.efundraising.com/  
lexingtonchurchofchrist](https://www.efundraising.com/lexingtonchurchofchrist)

YOUR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the break-  
ing of bread and to prayer. ACTS 2:42*

*"When you think, no one is going to miss me; it doesn't really matter if I show  
up to church or tithe; no one is going to notice, remember that God has placed you  
where you are for a reason, and your fellowship with other believers is important.*

*You definitely notice when one tiny member of your physical body is out of place,  
don't you? When I displaced my ACL during a skiing accident, I didn't even  
know I had an ACL. But when that tiny ligament behind my knee slipped out  
of place, it crippled my whole body with pain and put me in a brace for weeks.  
The small, seemingly insignificant parts of the body can have an astounding effect  
when they're out of fellowship with others. The apostles understood this. That's  
why they were devoted to one another.*

*Whether you're that ligament, elbow, knee, foot, or one of the more "celebrated"  
and "glamorous" parts like the mouth or eye, know that God has set you in your  
place. When you devalue your contribution, you cripple the body and tire out other  
parts who have to compensate for your absence. You are valuable and everyone  
really does need you!*

*Lord, I devote myself to You and to the place You've called me to serve. Thank  
You for using me to help others flourish."*

*- Excerpt from Unshakeable by Christine Caine*

Christine is correct to point out that everyone's contribution is vital  
even though we can minimize our part if we aren't as thoughtful as  
we should be. Our hearts have been gladdened this month as we  
have seen at least three families that had been missing. The reasons  
are less important than the experience of true joy in being able to  
share a smile, a hug and the love of Christ in fellowship together  
again.

Not only is the physical presence of every member a critical part of  
what makes us a body but also the fellowship we experience in our  
giving. Christine is right about that as well. Regardless of whether  
your part is large or small, if it is missing, it really matters. Our con-  
tribution is incomplete when your \$20 (for example) isn't there; re-  
member the ACL above?

Let's all determine not to devalue or withhold our contribution to the  
success of the body in 2019, starting today. Whenever you devote  
your time, your prayers, and some of your money to something, you  
become invested and begin to think more like an owner than an em-  
ployee or a spectator. Every part is critical and needed just as God  
has placed us together in the body. Let us come closer to God and  
each other as we confess both with our mouths and our actions that  
we are all in, together!

Grace and peace,  
The Shepherds.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9:30AM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS  
11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY  
LADIES GROUP  
BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 PM

December 23rd, 2018  
Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class: 55  
AM Bible Class Avg: 72

AM Assembly: 124  
AM Assembly Avg: 130

Contribution: \$22,292.00  
YTD Average Weekly:  
\$7,917.00

Weekly Budget: \$7,918.62

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missions: Mike and Kris Bridges
- AIM: Kaylee Bridges
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley - Washington, D.C.
- Grayson Carter - Ft. Riley
- Steve & Erma Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith - Karen Oliver's Sister
- Vern and Karen Lowe & Family
- Marcello Assenza- Christine Stewart's Father
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black - Kris Black's Father
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Leah Crocker
- George Westerman
- Kelli Daniel
- Karyl Buress
- Kathy Alexander & Family
- KJ Binnicker
- Fritz Stewart - George Stewart's Father
- Stephen and Amanda Wood & Family

SHEPHERDS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign Up To Help:

Suzanne Kennedy  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/60b054cacaf2ca2fe3-rides](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054cacaf2ca2fe3-rides)

Anniversaries:

- 12.3 Justin & Janna Muery
- 12.20 Tom & Karen Brophy
- 12.30 Corey & Dawn Wisniewski
- 12.31 Matt & Mary Joy

Birthdays:

- 12.28 Connor Watkins
- 12.30 Denae Pearson
- 12.30 Lucy Ortiz
- 12.31 Rick Chamberlain

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Opportunities to Serve  
December 30, 2018

**Worship:**  
Connor Watkins

**Sound Room:**  
Mary Joy  
Cliff Brown

**Lord’s Supper Comments:**  
Mark Cox

**Servers in December:**  
Steve Baker  
Kris Amaral  
Ruben Macedo  
Lance Daniel  
Caleb Surface

**Door Greeters in  
December:**  
James Bost  
Karen Bost

**Nursery:**  
Vanessa Amaral  
Carol Brown

**Toddler:**  
Meredith Falls  
Rochelle Kellis

**Children’s Church:**  
Kara Wayland

**Communion Prep:**  
Krysten Devereaux

**Coffee Clean-Up:**  
Jennymarie

**Keep In Touch:**

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John Turner, Grounds	356-8153
Corey Wisniewski, Finance	951-8981
Lauren Brannan, Children	331-0155
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**Office Administrator: Andrea Howard**

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**Missionaries:**

Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

Merry Christmas! I hope you all are enjoying your holidays! This was an interesting year for our family. For the first time in years, we had no family in town, so it was just the five of us for Christmas. Therefore, Corey decided to invite a couple that he knows from Publix over for dinner. This is one of his customers that he has known him for a very long time. They live in Irmo, but they have followed him to whatever store he has managed over the years, from Irmo to Forest Acres to Lexington.

Although they have four grown children, they, too, were alone for Christmas, and so they accepted the offer and we enjoyed the company of new and different people. It turned out to be oh so very special! In fact, Mia is Asian, and she intrigued us all with many interesting stories of her life growing up in Korea and Okinawa. My family shared many stories with them as well, and by the end of the evening we all felt like old friends. In fact, it was so rich that Mia was able to share the news of her very recent diagnosis of cancer, and express the fear she is experiencing regarding this.

In the Gospel of Luke, there are many stories in which we read of Jesus sitting down to eat with people, sometimes with his disciples, other times with sinners, tax collectors, and Pharisees. Jesus also instructs his followers about how they should gather around the table with others and who they should invite to dinner. In Luke 14, he says, “When you give a dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors...but when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed.” This is certainly not something we practice as often as we should, however, this Christmas was different, and I have to admit it truly was a blessing.

I am so glad that Corey invited them, and I am so glad they accepted the invitation. This will no doubt be a Christmas our family will never forget!

Blessings ~ Dawn